(e) the details of extent of funding that will be given to the State to implement this Advisory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) Diversification of crops is taken up under wells/pore wells areas in place of paddy to crops like maize, jowar, pulses, groundnut and sesamum.

(e) Question does not arise.

Crop diversification project of Maharashtra

3354. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a crop diversification project, in view of droughts and crop failures, year after year for 3-4 consecutive years, and the distress sales and suicides resorted to by farmers;

(b) if so, the salient features of the crop diversification plan; and

(c) the Central Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. The Governent of Maharashtra has not submitted proposal on crop diversification to Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Irrigated area under drip and sprinkler system

3355. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate total irrigated area under drip and sprinkler system and the steps being taken to increase it;